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THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

May 15, 1989

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Mr. William Collins

Attn: 104(e) Task
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CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Request for Information for the Artel Chemical Site
Nitro, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Collins:

This letter will confirm our phone conversation of May 12, 1989 regarding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III Request for Information for the Artel Chemical Site.

The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) received the Request on April 24, 1989 at Dow's Texas Operation in Freeport, Texas. The Request did not reach the appropriate Dow personnel until May 12, 1989. Given the circumstances, you have agreed to extend the response deadline until June 24, 1989.

If this understanding is incorrect, please contact me immediately. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carlos Leal".

Carlos Leal
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